

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation is celebrating its 50th anniversary as a voluntary health organization working to assure healthy lives for America's children, and prevent disability and illness throughout our state and the nation; and,

WHEREAS, The March of Dimes was founded in 1938 to raise funds through the efforts of thousands of volunteers to support the development of a vaccine that virtually eliminated the crippling human toll of polio; and,

WHEREAS, For the past 30 years, March of Dimes has been a pioneer in preventing birth defects, the nation's number one child health problem, through research, education and health care programs; and,

WHEREAS, The March of Dimes commitment to improving maternal and child health care has helped to reduce the incidence of birth defects, low birth weight and infant mortality; and,

WHEREAS, The state's hope for assuring future generations of children a healthy start in life depends on the efforts and commitment of all our citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim 1988 as

MARCH OF DIMES 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens of South Dakota to celebrate this year by supporting March of Dimes efforts to prevent birth defects.



ATTEST:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

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JAMES H. HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE